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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSANDE

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO FOREIGN
MINISTER VANELSADE:

BEGIN QUOTE

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I KNOW THAT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT SHARE OUR DEEP CONCERN
ABOUT THE SERIOUS DETERIORATION IN THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL
AFRICA FOLLOWING THE EXTENSIVE DEPLOYMENT OF CUBAN TROOPS
AND SOPHISTICATED SOVIET WEAPONS IN ANGOLA. AS YOU KNOW,
THE COUNTRIES IN THE AREA WERE ALREADY SUFFERING SERIOUS
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN EXACERBATED BY THE CON-
FLICT. THEY ARE UNDERSTANDABLY EXTREMELY WORRIED OVER THE
PRESENCE OF A LARGE FOREIGN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE ON THEIR
BORDERS.

THESE CONCERNS INDUCED PRESIDENT MOBUTU TO SEND HIS PER-
SONAL ADVISOR, NGUZA KARL-I-BOND, TO WASHINGTON WITH A
LETTER FOR PRESIDENT FORD. WHILE HERE, HE WAS RE-APPOINTED
AS COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. NGUZA HAS PROVEN TO
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BE AN EXTREMELY ARTICULATE AND EFFECTIVE SPOKESMAN FOR HIS

COUNTRY IN A SERIES OF MEETINGS WHICH HE HAS HELD WITH
PRESIDENT FORD, MEMBERS OF OUR CONGRESS AND MYSELF.

I HOPE THAT YOU CAN FIND TIME TO RECEIVE NGUZA. I
BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND THE PICTURE HE PAINTS OF THE
SITUATION IN CENTRAL AFRICA BOTH PERSUASIVE AND DISTURB-
ING. MOREOVER, I THINK YOU WILL SHARE AS I DO THE BELIEF
THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER HOW BEST WE
CAN BOLSTER OUR FRIENDS IN AFRICA. SINCE WE WILL
WISH TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH YOU AND OTHERS I THINK
IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF HIS
VIEWS.

WARM REGARDS,
HENRY A. KISSINGER
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